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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor
Jackie Mattison, Chief of Staff

From: Don Dust, Mayor's Aide *D.D.*

Re: CENSUS FIGURES FOR HOMELESS IN NEWARK

Date: February 10, 1992

The official U.S. Census figure for homeless is 2,816.

This breaks down to 1,974 (including children) in shelters and 842 in other street and abandoned building location.

While there may be others that they were not able to count, (such as those in cars or on roofs) the official figure the census is using is 2,816.

However, the Newark section of the Star-Ledger, on October 25, 1991 estimated "the homeless and ill-housed" at 14,000.

On December 17, 1990, in the same paper, Newark Emergency Services for Families estimated the homeless and ill-housed at between 14,000 and 15,000.

On March 29, 1989, Mrs Struggs (same paper) estimated the homeless and ill-housed at 12,000. There seems to be two issues - homeless and ill-housed.

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Most Recently
Walker's 20,000 ?
stated in Star Ledger